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Marc ALIZON et al.) Group Art Unit: 1648 (Prior Appln.)
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Application No.: 09/986,634) Examiner: J. Parkin (Prior Appln.)
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Filed: November 9, 2001)
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For: NUCLEIC ACID-BASED METHODS FOR THE DETECTION
OF HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS TYPE 2 (HIV-2)

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In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application of
January 17, 2002, applicants submit the following:

1. A Request for Reconsideration of Notice to Comply with Requirements for
Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence
Disclosures and Response to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (2
pages) and the requisite return copy of the Notice (2 pages);
2. A Preliminary Amendment (3 pages);

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- A \$740.00 Filing Fee is enclosed.
 - No additional claims fees are owed.
 - **A check for \$870.00 for \$740 Filing Fee and \$130 Surcharge is enclosed.**
3. An Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages), PTO Form 1449 (1 page) and a copy of U.S. Patents 5,545,726 and 6,316,183.

Kindly associate these papers with the above-identified application.

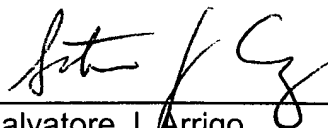
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Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b).

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 870.**
- This application clearly fails to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825. Applicant's attention is directed to the final rulemaking notice published at 55 FR 18230 (May 1, 1990), and 1114 OG 29 (May 15, 1990). If the effective filing date is on or after July 1, 1998, see the final rulemaking notice published at 63 FR 29620 (June 1, 1998) and 1211 OG 82 (June 23, 1998). If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000). Applicant must provide an initial computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing", an initial paper or compact disc copy of the "Sequence Listing", as well as an amendment directing its entry into the application. Applicant must also provide a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d). If applicant desires the sequence listing in the instant application to be identical with that of another application on file in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, such request in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e) may be submitted in lieu of a new CRF.

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
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